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hide from us that it was with a real pang of the heart that they left us at this tragic hour.

As this precipitate general departure could not have taken place without instructions from the Foreign Office, it is clear that it was His Majesty's Government which took the initiative in breaking off diplomatic relations with us. It was not without regret that we observed this; yet we maintained our embassy at London until the unfortunate incidents occurred which have compelled us to close it.

Nevertheless, other countries at war with Germany (the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Poland) have maintained their diplomatic representatives accredited to us.

July 15, 1940.